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Valhalla sequel

Legend has parted with what is believed to be the largest sum of money ever spent on the production of a single game. The Great Space Race is the long-awaited sequel to Valhalla, and £¼m is the cost of its development.

Scheduled for launch in late September/early October, Commodore 64 and Spectrum versions will be in the shops simultaneously. Heralded as "a spectacular futuristic romp", Legend is priding itself on the graphics and animation. You'll have to wait till September to see for yourself!

Legend, PO Box 435, Station Rd, London E4 7LX

Work from home

Now you can convert your BBC or Electron to a handy office machine, with the help of Mini Office, from Database Publications.

Mini Office comprises a word processor, database, spreadsheet and graphics package — all for £5.95 in tape version or £7.95 on disc.

Managing director Derek Meakin said: "We are aiming at one man firms who cannot afford to pay for the business software currently on the market. It will also be well in the price range of housewives who wish to use it for domestic bookkeeping or children wanting to monitor their pocket money."

The word processor features a constant display of time and word count, plus a words per minute display and double size text option in edit and printer mode.

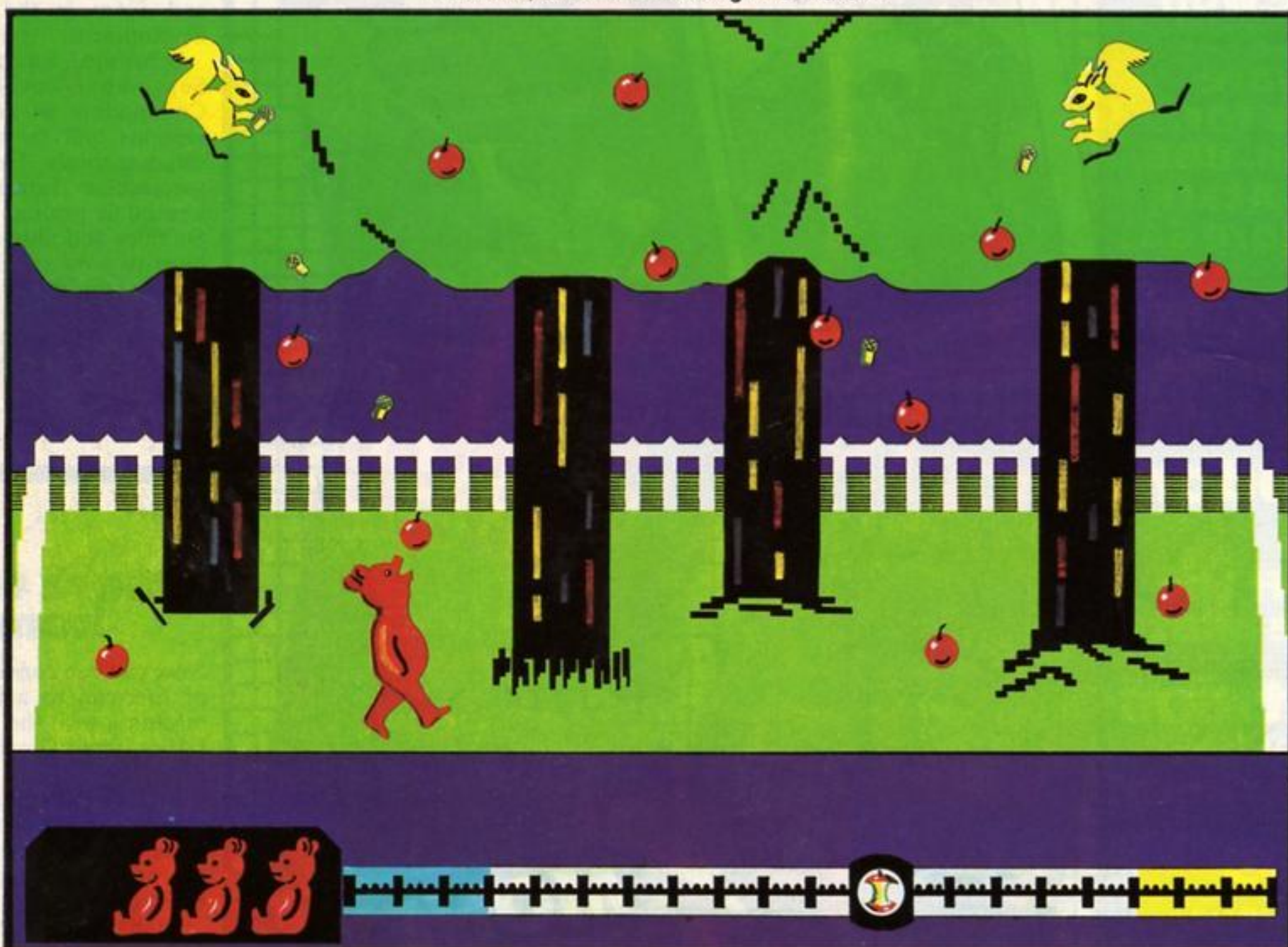
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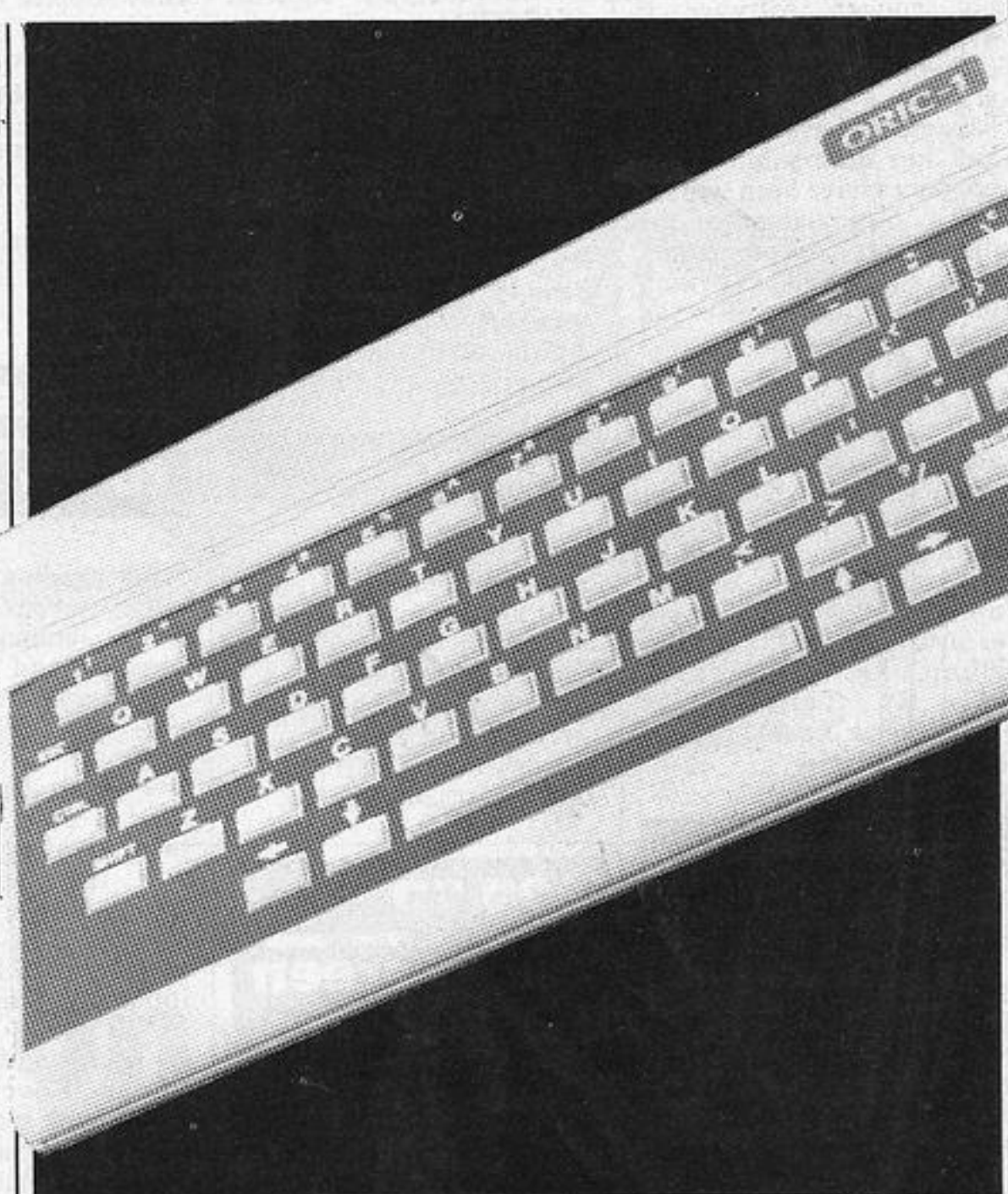
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Free membership

Microdeal's own user group, the Cuthbert Club, is now offering membership free of charge.

Anyone wishing to join needs to write to Microdeal and members will receive a free badge, quarterly magazine and hint sheets.

Microdeal, 41 Truro Road, St. Austell, Cornwall PL25 5JE

Check mate

This year's World Micro-computer Chess Championship (the 4th), will take place in Glasgow from September 9 to 15.

Any individual or group, including software houses, may enter their own chess programs.

John Glendinning, 30 Rylands Drive, Mount Vernon, Glasgow G32 0SB

Charity Success

Oxfam's current appeal for personal computer software has so far resulted in contributions of over £10,000-worth of games and business cassettes.

More than 30 manufacturers, as well as private individuals and collectors, have donated their surplus stock, and cassettes are still arriving at Oxfam's North London office.

A spokesman for the charity said: "This reaction to a new appeal has been fantastic! Obviously, we want to thank everybody who has contributed so far as well as to encourage others to give us what they can over the next couple of months."

The software appeal is due to finish at the end of September, and the date of the special sale will be announced in the near future.

Oxfam, 724 High Road, Finchley N12 9QD

Quality printing

Retailing at a cost of £375, the TRD is a new printer from Triumph Adler which offers high quality Daisy Wheel printing at 20 characters per second.

This machine is suited for use with personal computers costing from £200 upwards, but is aimed at any system where

the primary application is word processing.

A library of over 150 interchangeable print wheels provides a choice of type styles which can be printed 10, 12 or 15 characters per inch or with proportional spacing.

Three versions of the product are available, with either RS232, Centronics or dual interfaces.

The machine is also capable of plotting for graphic applications.

Triumph Adler (UK), 27 Goswell Road, London EC1M 7AJ

Lead for Amstrad

A printer lead to connect the new Amstrad CPC 464 computer to any Centronics compatible printer is now available ex-stock from Computer Services.

The lead is 1m in length and features gold-plated contacts with double wipes on the 34-way edge connector end.

Cost of the lead is £14.87 including postage and packing.

Computer Services, 63 Quilp Drive, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 4YD

Cross-assembler imminent

A target release date of September 1 has been set for a new Z-80 cross-assembling version of Mikro, from Supersoft.

Mikro 80 is being written in 6502 machine code, to run on the Commodore 64; however it will assemble Z-80 opcodes rather than 6502 opcodes.

In a parallel project, Supersoft is investigating the various means by which assembled code can be transferred to the target computer. A direct cable link between the 64 and the Z-80 computer seems the most likely solution.

Supersoft, Winchester House, Canning Road, Wealdstone, Harrow, Middlesex HA3 7SJ

Starter pack

A cassette recorder/player is now being given away free with every new M5 home computer from CRL — the whole package forming the new Starter Pack.

Also included in the package is an application ROM cartridge

— "Basic I", introduction to programming, a manual and users' guide, two cassette games, and all the necessary cables to connect the M5 to a TV set.

Additions have also been made to the firm's software range — with eight new game cassettes being introduced.

The six new single game

cassettes are: Bomber Run; Devil Bird, Intrigue, Slots, Stranded, and Wheels. The new Triple game cassettes are: Simon/Granny/Spiders and Squash/Lander/Raiders. Single games are £5.95 each, and triple games are £12.95 each.

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Chicken Run Dragon 32 £7.95

Impsoft, 149 Balham Hill,
London SW12

If you like the sort of game that leaves you with brain ache at the end of a session this one should be just right for you. Explaining the plot could take this whole review, but in a nutshell you control both the hen, who is trying to lay her eggs in peace and keep her energy level up, and Farmer Folly who is trying to keep the feeding troughs filled and collect the eggs. The problem is further compounded by the fox who tries to eat the hen.

Although there is no cock bird around, eggs left uncollected hatch into chickens and go around in search of food for

themselves.

There are so many things to keep your eyes on that I find myself mind boggled, but it is possible to keep things under control if you keep cool. The bright spots are that you have a hen with three lives, very good sound and graphics and responsive joystick controls. The scoring is a little stingy in my opinion but it could become addictive. Sorry, I must finish now, there's another egg to collect...

instructions	95%
playability	50%
graphics	70%
value for money	65%

D.C.



Dix Mille 48K Spectrum £1.99

CCS, 14 Langton Way, London
SE3 7TL

I didn't think much to this when I read the sleeve notes. A dice game? I thought even less when I saw the simple standard of screen presentation, and realised it was mostly in BASIC.

How wrong can you be? It's riveting, I can't leave the thing alone!!

Up to six players can play, or your Spectrum will do battle against you alone. Six dice are thrown, by machine code, to the screen, then you choose.

When you see what you've thrown, you can take, adding to your score, and/or throw again.

As the number of dice decreases in your turn, the odds against getting a winning combination grow, whilst the odds of throwing three 2's get longer.

You can, however, quit while the going is good, and hand over to the next player. The first to score ten thousand wins.

Sounds boring doesn't it? It's not!! Eventually, I realised that when I'm losing heavily, I have nothing to lose by gambling, and the same applies when I'm well ahead. But if it's neck and neck, care is called for.

D.M.

instructions	75%
playability	85%
graphics	85%
value for money	100%



Double Dealer 48K Spectrum £6.50

MFM, 141a Camden Rd, Tun-
bridge Wells, Kent TN1 2RA

Double Dealer features the two well known card games of black-jack, an advanced and expensive form of pontoon, and stud poker, just like the western movies! Your Spectrum is the dealer and opponent.

In both games, the cards are revealed on a lurid, shimmering green background, and as graphics go, are something of a disappointment.

No nice kings and queens, just big letters K and Q. There are, however, some good touches in terms of sound routines when cards are shuffled and the games start.

You can gamble away to your heart's content, secure in the knowledge that all the money you're losing isn't real!

There are several levels of difficulty, but you aren't allowed onto the higher ones until you've broken the bank... and that takes some doing!

Your wins and losses are the subject of "humorous" messages. Some of the essential messages disappear rather too quickly.

Certainly, these games will allow you to learn the rules, practice, and occupy some time without leaving your chair. The instructions are fairly comprehensive without giving any real clue as to strategy. D.M.

instructions	85%
playability	85%
graphics	75%
value for money	90%



Skill and daring needed for games

Another fresh batch of games for you to pit your wits against

West 32K BBC £7.95

Talent Computer Systems, 101 St
James Rd, Glasgow G4 0NS

This program, an adventure, is produced for a number of home computers and some versions have a full set of graphics but the Acorn versions are text only.

The scenario is a wild west adventure and the whole thing is conducted in real time, so that if you sit around for a while things start to happen around you.

That would be rather pleasant if they were nice things but unfortunately they aren't and I seem to find most of the things rather fatal.

Take the robber for example, several things can happen when he appears. If you are carrying a pack of cards he will challenge

you to a game of pontoon, a nice touch this, but I can't tell you what he does if you win.

He might try to shoot you and, despite what the instructions say, you don't start with a gun! He often misses but running away doesn't really help.

Incidentally there is no 'Help' feature in this game although you can save your position if you get anywhere before you get killed. A good adventure if a little colourless, but the real time features do make response times long.

D.C.

instructions	85%
playability	80%
graphics	N/A
value for money	85%



Dambusters Atari £5.50

N.D.S.L., 8 Green St, Willing-
ham, Cambs CB4 5JA

Prepare for take off in this exciting simulation of the famous raid on German dams during World War 2.

You begin in flying school and your object is to blow up the dams of the Upper Ruhr.

Take control of a Lancaster Bomber and fly from England, eventually arriving at the dam where you must carefully aim your bouncing bomb so as to explode against the dam wall.

After successfully breaching the dam you will be promoted to pilot and after each further accomplished mission you are also promoted until you reach the rank of group captain.

Your plane is equipped with machine guns and of course the bombs.

Whilst crossing the channel you may be attacked by ships firing radar controlled missiles and on reaching Europe you will be confronted by enemy fighter aircraft and ack-ack guns.

Be careful not to run out of fuel, though this is replenished after each mission.

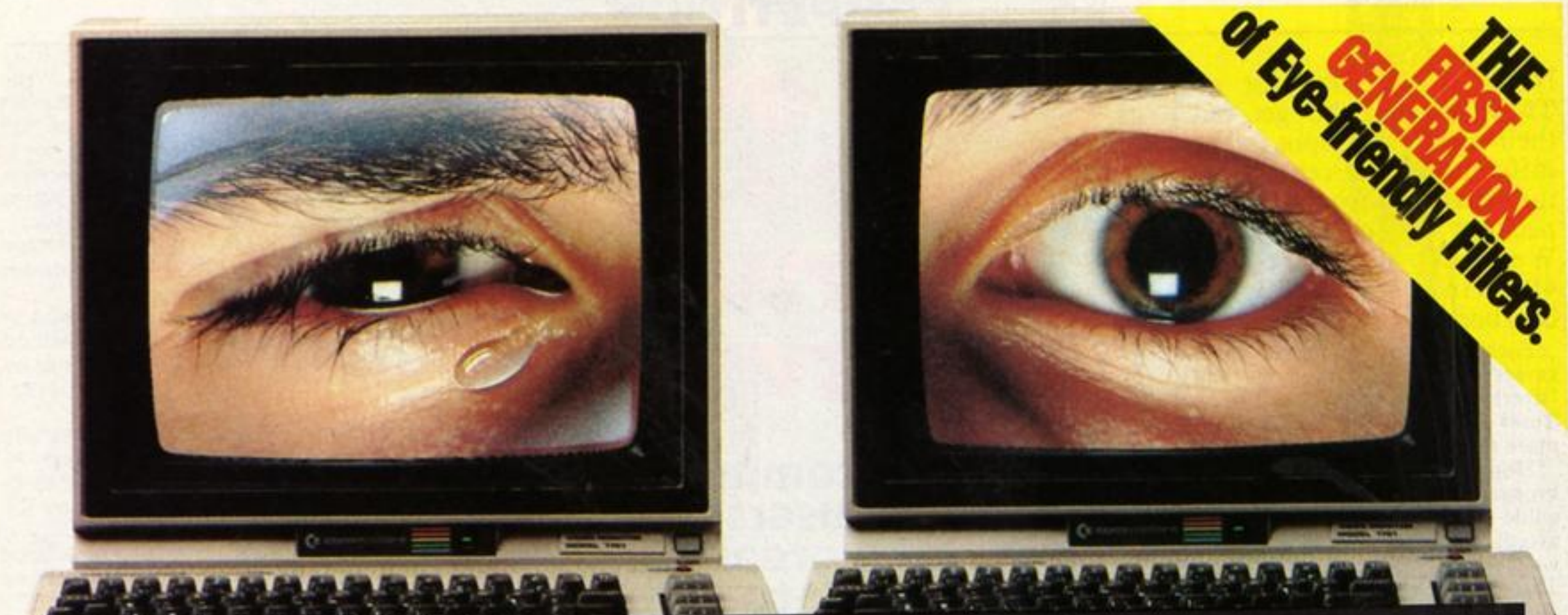
Dambusters features reasonable graphics incorporated on a horizontal and vertical scrolling screen. Sound effects are also quite good. on the whole the game is quite realistic but I found it a little on the slow side. Good luck old boy, roger and out.

D.W.L.

instructions	80%
playability	75%
graphics	75%
value for money	80%



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NOW is the time for all TI-99/4A users to get out their pens and spot some differences. The reward for the first 50 winners is a package of software from Warwick Software, of 40 Kingsway, Newby, Scarborough, N. Yorks.

Each package comprises three games (Hoppit, Caveman and Diver) together with the Typing Tutor — and each package is worth more than £21.

Hoppit is a variation on the Frogger-type game. Your task is to guide the frog across the road — avoiding cars and trucks along the way — until you reach the river. Then jump on the back of a turtle, and make your way across river — but watchout for hungry crocodiles.

Once across the river, you simply jump down a grate which gets you home.

The second game is Caveman, an underground exploration game.

Go down a ladder to reach the first level — and all along you have to beware of various obstacles.

A total of five levels have to be passed through before you get the chance to sit on the King's throne at the end of a tunnel which leads off from level five. Once you have achieved this, you're a winner.

We stay a long way down for the third game, but this time not below ground — below water.

Diver gives you the chance to show your swimming skills, and make money into the bargain.

You are in control of a diver whose job it is to recover differing items from the seabed. These include gold coins and human bones.

A ship passes above you, and you have to catch the ship and place

Four of the best from Warwick Software

This week's competition gives all TI-99/4A users the chance to win three great games, and a program to help you improve your typing skills

your bounty in it.

Problems come in the form of ravenous sharks and an octopus.

All three of the games are for Extended BASIC, and Caveman also requires a joystick.

If you want to give the games a rest for a few minutes, and would prefer to spend your time learning — then the fourth program is right up your street.

Typing Tutor, for TI BASIC, is exactly what it says. The program starts off by taking you through the fundamentals — like which key does what.

From that point it gives you training until you reach the final part of the program which is a speed trial.

You will agree that these are fantastic prizes, and all you have to do to stand a chance of winning one of these packages is to try and spot as many differences as possible in the two cartoons below. Good luck.

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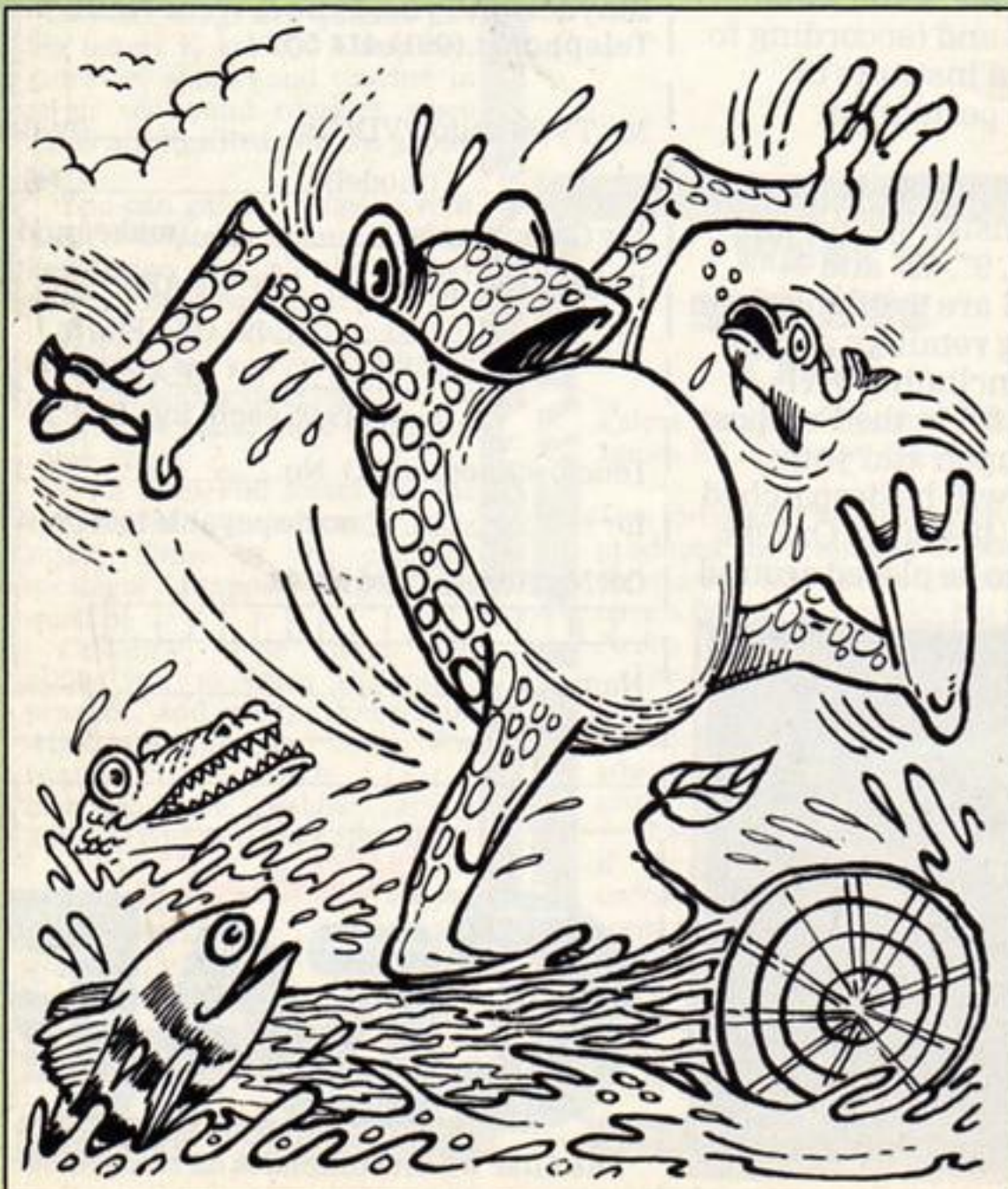
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Hero of the

A drama-packed action game from Barbara Prowse, **Hover-Rescue** gives you the chance to be a hero by rescuing people from a **Towering Inferno**



A tower block is on fire, and the occupants are screaming for help on top. Can anyone help them. Yes is the answer — you can, with the help of your trusty helicopter that flies between a new building under construction, and the Red Cross station.

The landing point on the tower is where the shout for help is shown at the start of the game, and you must alternate between the two landing points otherwise you will be deemed to have crashed.

When the helicopter is facing either left or right, you can only move across the screen, and when the helicopter is facing forward — you can only move up and down.

Quick reactions are required as the helicopter will lift-off automatically when the rescued people board and leave.

This is a game where skill combined with speedy reactions are required — so now is your chance to be a hero by saving those people on top of a skyscraper on fire.

How it works

- 100-790 game initialisation and instructions
- 3000-3470 main loop for each game
- 4000-4490 land on roof
- 4500-4580 ... at base
- 5000-5010 initialise movement after landing
- 5100-5180 press any key to start routine
- 5200-5420 check for end of game and test for another
- 5500-5540 plot end message on screen
- 9300-9340 increment number rescued
- 9400-9590 plot next hazard
- 9600-9640 plot number rescued
- 9700-9890 draw playing screen
- 9900-990 initialise character set and machine code
- 10000-10110 date for redefined characters (a through w)
- 10120 data for variables DR(nn)
- 11000-12090 machine code data

Variables

- G1, G2 general purpose numeric variables
- GS general purpose string variable
- DR (1-8) movement of helicopter
- TM trips made between the bases
- LR lives remaining
- SC score — number of people rescued
- HS high score
- RF flag to indicate which landing site is next in sequence
- OX(1-4) X,Y co-ordinates of the hazards to be plotted
- OY(1-4) Y co-ordinates of the hazards to be plotted
- CP subscript of hazard to be plotted

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Marmalade, from Mirrorsoft, Holborn Circus, London

This is an educational tape containing two programs. On side one you have Toyshop, in which you must help Oliver by counting the toys he indicates, putting in your answer using the keyboard. A correct answer is rewarded with a beaming smile from Oliver, an incorrect one provokes an angry frown.

The game is aimed at the early learner and the gleeful responses from my three-year-old shows it's near the mark. It is well illustrated with easily recognisable objects, i.e. boats, teddies and bikes.

The "B" side has a slightly

more difficult game, Lollipops which starts with Oliver asking, "I like lollipops, do you?" It then proceeds first to count lollipops and then to eat them. This gives a simple introduction to addition and subtraction.

After each section Oliver is seen to be increasing in size because of the number of sweets he has been eating. My son responded "He'll be sick" and sure enough the next message on the screen was that Oliver felt unwell.

Overall this is a good package to teach the younger or the slow learning child basic number sense.

instructions	80%
ease of use	80%
display	85%
value for money	85%



Monster Maths (6-14) Commodore 64 £6.95

Shards, Suite G, Roycraft Hse, Linton Rd, Barking, Essex

These programs, in the "Fun to Learn" series are intended to help you develop mathematical and logical skills. There are five games each with nine levels and automatic difficulty adjustment linked to performance.

The first game deals with relative sizes of two rectangles. The second deals with mental arithmetic. Give the name of a friend, answer the questions correctly and a nicely animated monster eats your friend. Get them wrong or answer too slowly and you get eaten.

Times, tables and arithmetic are the next two games which are

well executed.

The final game is called Mystery Numbers. You are given three numbers and a total and you must provide the two arithmetic operators which, when combined with the three numbers, give a sum which will provide the specified answer. This is a challenging test of your deductive logic.

Throughout you are given the option to finish the game you are playing and return to the main menu. A score card is maintained enabling you to check your performance.

An aid to confidence as well as being fun to play. **A.W.**

instructions	85%
ease of use	85%
graphics	65%
value for money	85%



Shape up Dragon 32 £10.95

Dragon Data, Kenfig Industrial Estate, Margam, Port Talbot SA13 2PE

I have to admit that I am becoming a little sceptical of the value of the shape recognition programs I see nowadays. Yes, it is something a computer can do fairly well but it often has little basis in reality.

Despite these reservations this series of games is well thought out and will teach the four shapes involved quite well to the pre-school and infant children it is aimed at.

There are four options from the menu, each leading to a game involving Mr Brock the badger. The first shows him at work with his lorry collecting shapes and delivering them to the correct dump. The second involves him playing basketball by putting large and small shapes into the appropriate hoop. He then meets a magician who hides shapes in a magic box and this involves memory training with the extra skill of short-term recall. Finally he builds pictures using the shapes.

My main criticism is that there are only triangles, circles, squares and rectangles. A bigger set of shapes would have been a nice touch. The graphics are excellent however and will keep young children's interest well.

D.C.

instructions	70%
ease of use	80%
graphics	90%
value for money	85%



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Facemaker Dragon 32 £10.95

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I can't decide about this program. I've seen it on several computers now and I have still to be convinced that it is an 'educational' program. It is interesting and fun but its educational value I doubt.

The aim is to enlarge vocabulary. A child using it has to understand and use words dealing with a face in its many variations. Therefore you could say it 'teaches' the correct meaning of such words and immediately reinforces their meanings.

The problem is that there is a

great deal of reading involved in understanding what is required in the first place and the child who doesn't understand the meaning of a word is unlikely to be able to read it either! So we end up in a Catch 22-type situation.

I believe this program would be best used in a group structured situation rather than a one child plus micro set-up and therefore cannot recommend it for home use. But if the educational aspect doesn't worry you then making the faces is really good fun. **D.C.**

instructions	75%
ease of use	60%
graphics	70%
value for money	65%



Fun to Learn Commodore 64 £6.95

Shards, Suite G, Roycraft Hse, Linton Rd, Barking, Essex

It's a great pity that the government left off the 64 from its recommended computers for the classroom — especially when you find software like this.

Fun to Learn is a suite of five games written by a teacher and tested in schools (so Shards claim). The strength is that rather than leave you stuck in one game, after each question you can continue or return to the menu. A sixth option enables you to examine a score card which keeps a track of your performance.

You can play Count, in which letters are randomly placed and the machine measures the time taken to count the letters.

Mixer is an anagram game which gives clues to help you unravel the jumbled word. Calculator is a cumulative sum which gets progressively more difficult. Starship is a version of hangman and Codebreaker introduces simple codes.

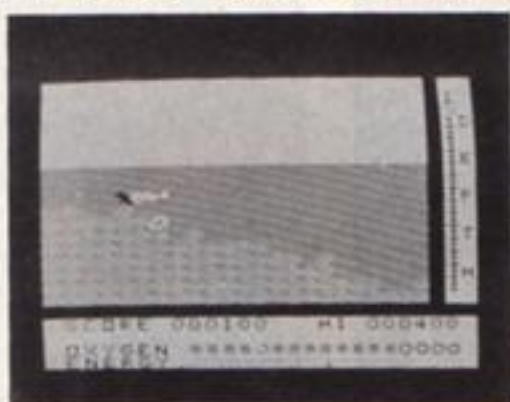
Codebreaker and Starship give the option to enter your own words so that two children can play the games together.

Overall the routines run quickly and effectively and the overall design is good. The use of sound is good and graphics are average. This is a good package which should give hours of fun. **M.W.**

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ease of use	85%
graphics	65%
value for money	85%



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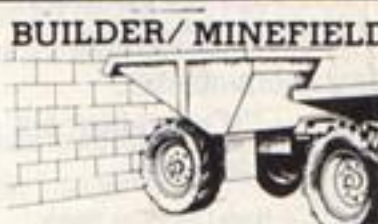
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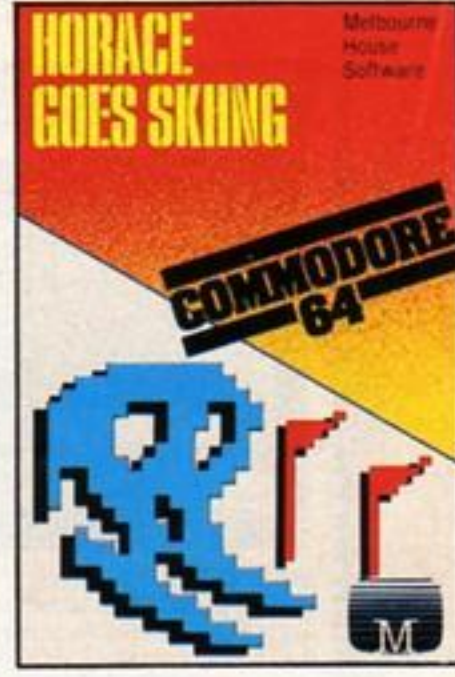
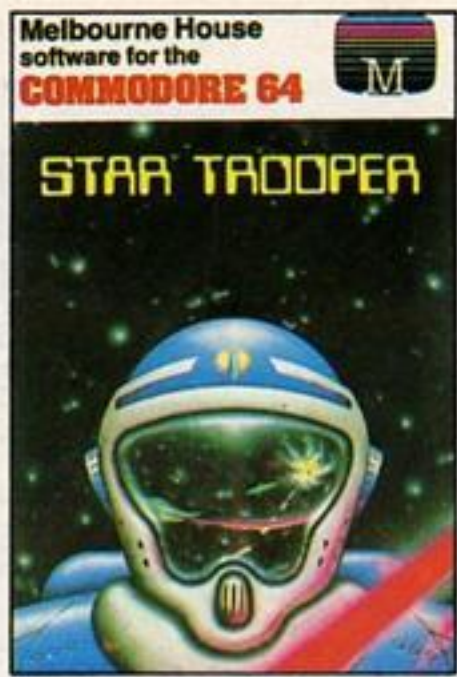
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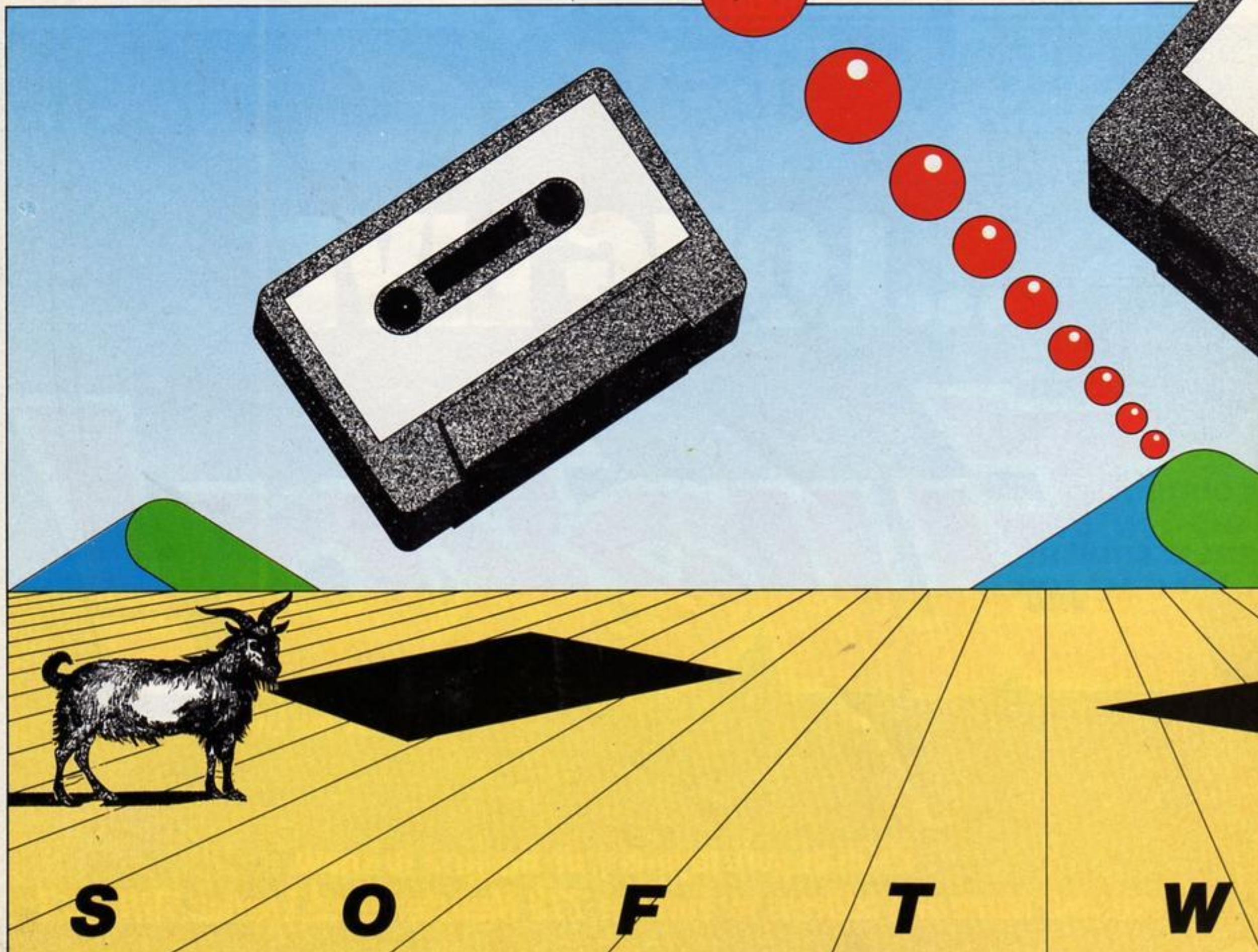
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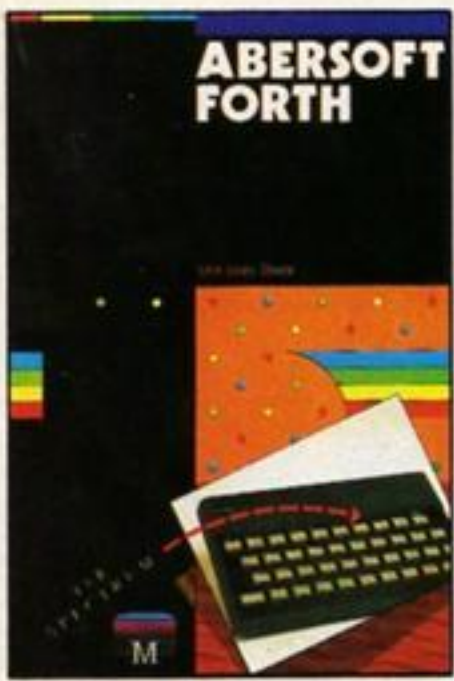
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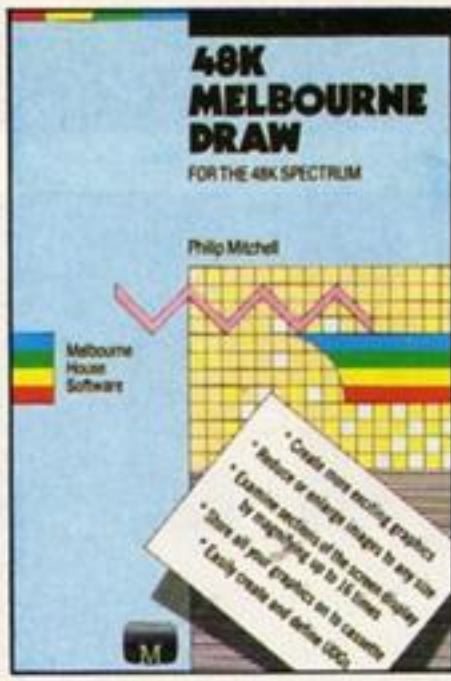
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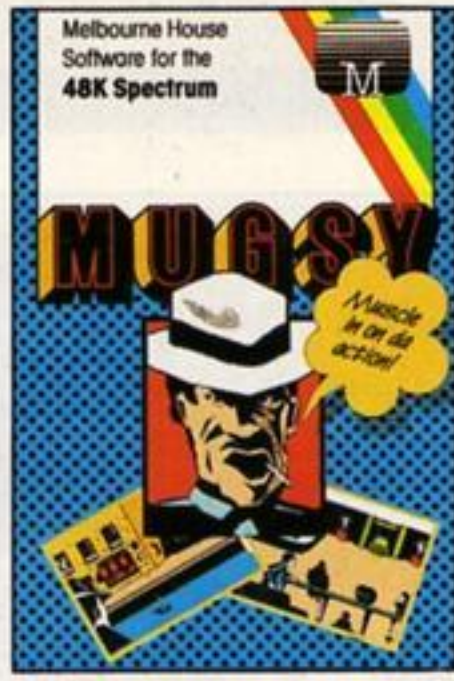


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If you've ever fancied getting a rating from the Galactic High Commission, this program from Graham McDonald will fulfil your wildest dreams

Shoot

From the five-year mission of Star Trek, to the 300 second mission of Space Target with this three-part program. It is in three parts so you can see that loading is taking place correctly.

This is the amount of time you have to destroy as many targets as possible. When your time is up, you will be told how many targets you have destroyed and what your score is. By the way, each target has to be hit 25 times before it is destroyed.

You will also be given a rating by the Galactic High Commission.

To make the game harder,

Variables

a,b position of target
x,y position of ship
d number of destroyed targets
h number of hits
s time
e,f colour of target
z movement of target
v random laser
fS,sS lasers (23 symbol shifts 0's)
final score
rS rating

How it works

10-17 stop tape routine
19-68 beginning routine
69-87 variables
89-98 display routine
99-150 If and Then area
179-308 star display
306-340 time routine
399-500 laser routine
1000-1070 target destroyed routine
1200-1280 target laser's on and off routine
1499-1650 ship hit by laser routine
1999-2170 finish
5999-6170 instructions
6199-6200 time warning
7999-8030 music routine
9499-9560 pause routine
9599-9890 escape routine

the target has a laser which fires randomly, but this can be switched off and on by keys 4 and 5.

Key 8, which is for escape, has a bit extra. It has a routine which asks you if you want to load another program or clear the memory.

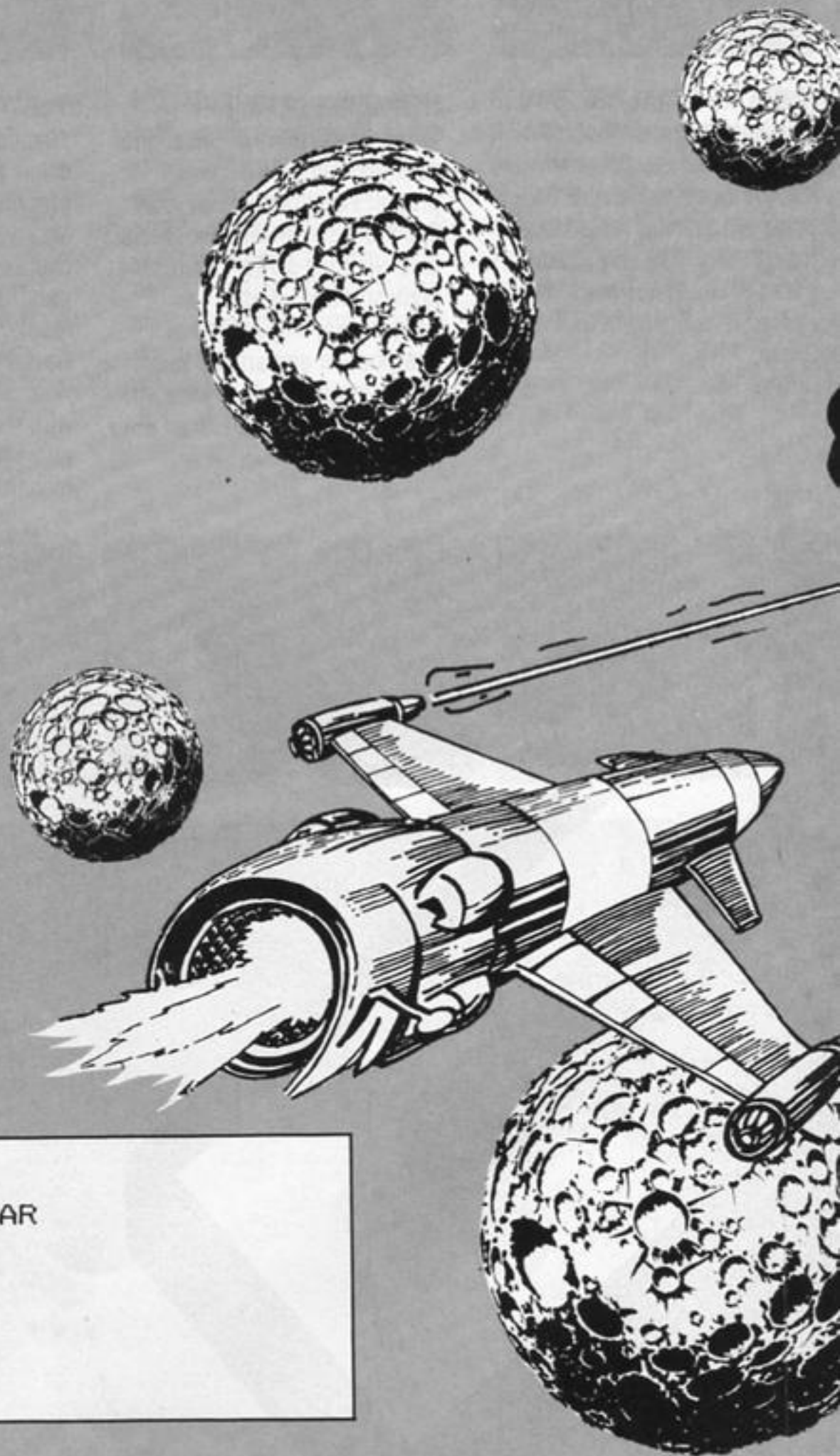
You now have the whole of the Galactic High Commission watching your qualities and skills, so now is the time to show enterprise and get as many targets as you can.

Program 1, which tells you the game is being loaded

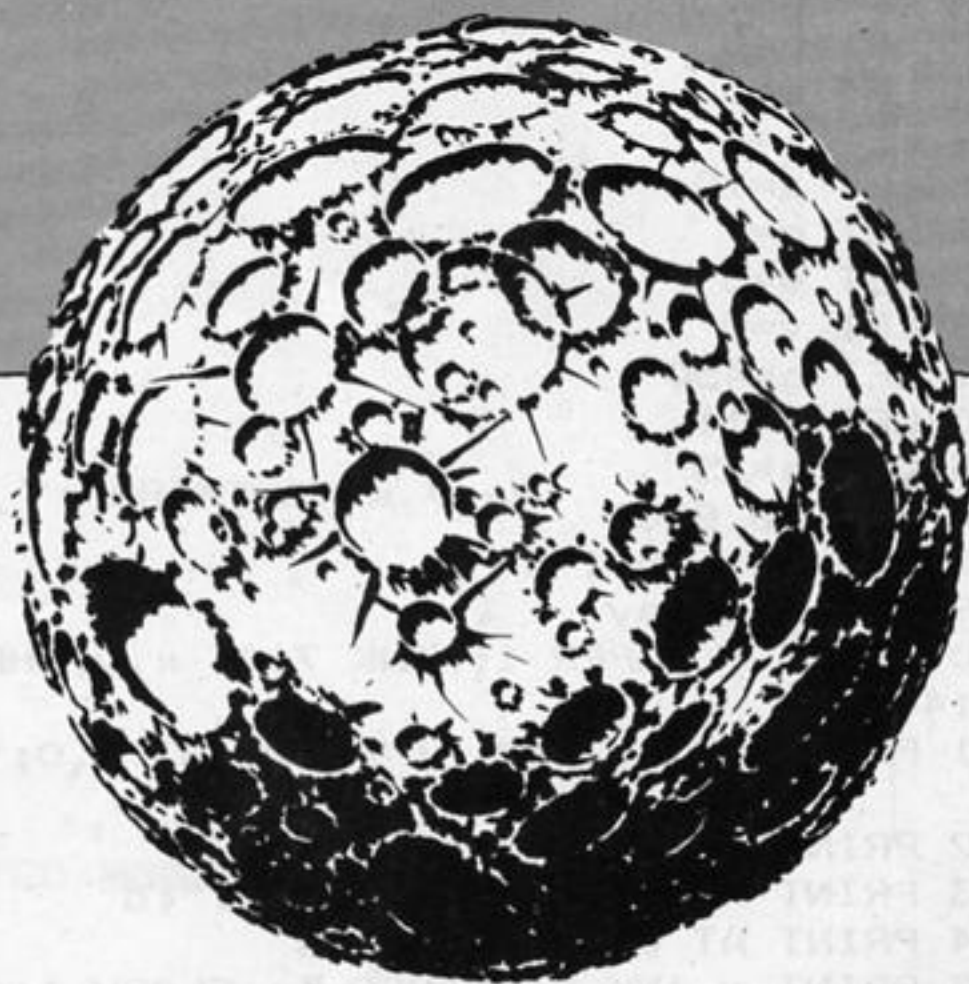
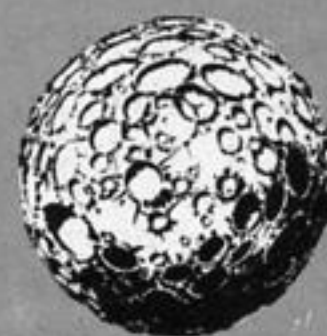
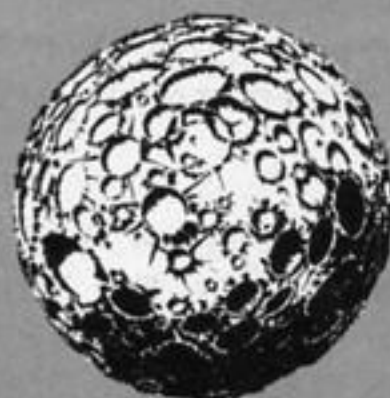
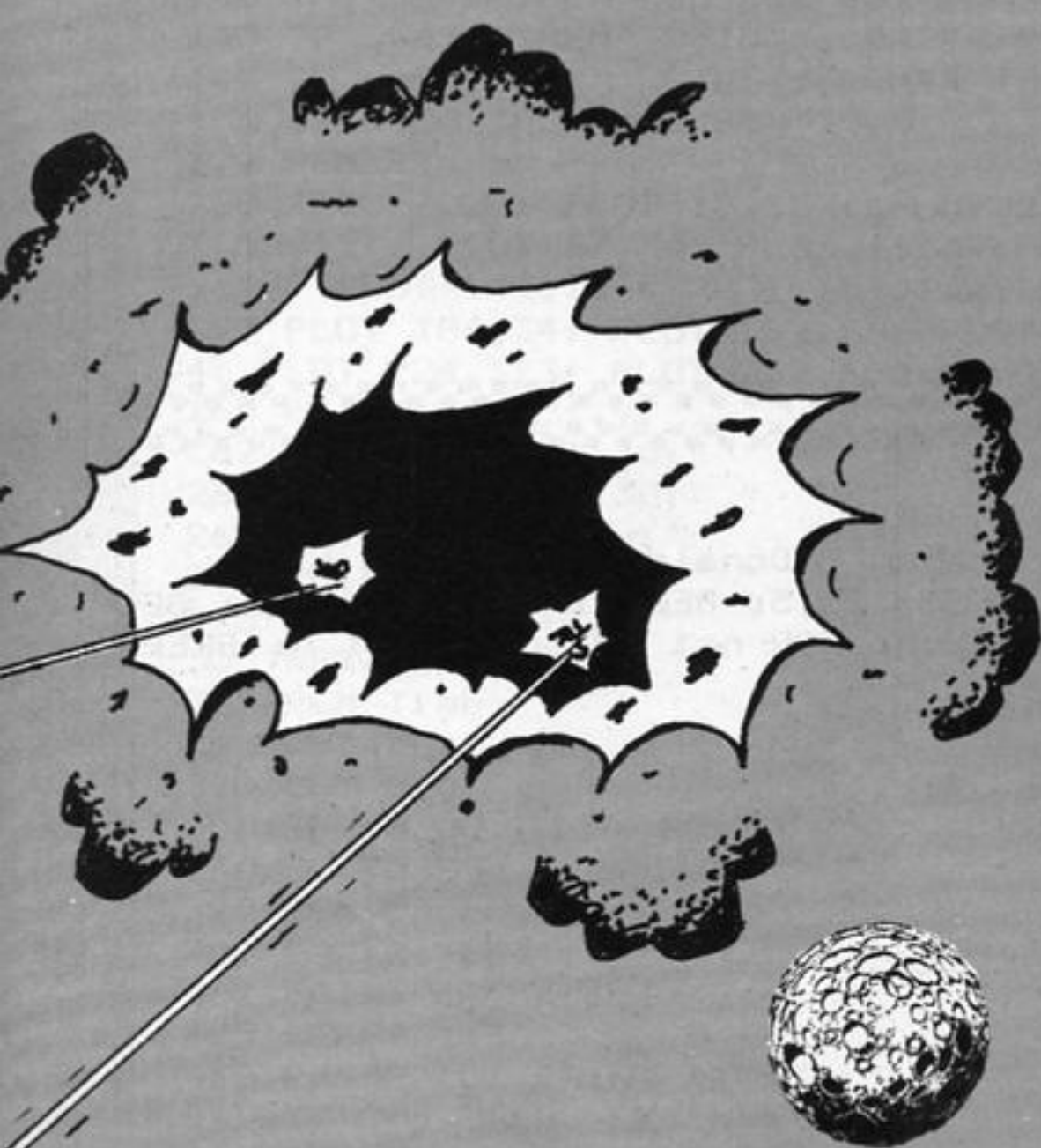
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10 REM Program No.1
20 BORDER 0: PAPER 0: INK 7: BRIGHT 1: CLEAR
30 PRINT AT 8,3;"SPACE TARGET IS LOADING"
40 PRINT ; FLASH 1;AT 12,9;"PLEASE WAIT"
50 FOR b=1 TO 5: BEEP .1,b: NEXT b
55 INK 0: PAUSE 10
60 LOAD "No.2"
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Program 2, shows the name of the game while the main program is being loaded

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10 REM Program 2
20 BORDER 0: PAPER 0: INK 7: BRIGHT 1: CLEAR
30 GO SUB 5000
40 PRINT AT 1,6;"████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████"
50 PRINT AT 2,6;"██ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████"
60 PRINT AT 3,6;"████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████"
70 PRINT AT 4,6;"██ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████"
80 PRINT AT 5,6;"████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████"
90 PRINT AT 8,4;"████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████"
100 PRINT AT 9,5;"██ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████"
110 PRINT AT 10,5;"██ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████"
120 PRINT AT 11,5;"██ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████"
130 PRINT AT 12,5;"██ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████"
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acing stars



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140 LET t$="███"
150 INK 3
160 LET a=14: LET b=13
170 FOR n=1 TO 6
180 PRINT AT a,b;t$
190 LET a=a+1
200 IF a=17 THEN LET b=16
210 NEXT n
220 INK 6
230 LET a=14: LET b=16
240 FOR n=1 TO 6
250 PRINT AT a,b;t$
260 LET a=a+1
270 IF a=17 THEN LET b=13
280 NEXT n
290 INK 7: PRINT AT 21,0;"Written by Graham McDonald 198": PRINT AT 5,0;" "
300 INK 0: LOAD "Main"
5000 FOR n=1 TO 36: READ y: PLOT n*7,y: NEXT n
5005 RETURN
5010 DATA 123,54,23,156,100,23,56,97,45,23,37,23,87,134,16,78,34,101,20,87,45,34
,23,145,134,171,98,17
5020 DATA 145,67,23,96,45,7,123,37,78

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Program 3, the main game program

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2 REM
3 REM By Graham McDonald
4 REM
5 REM 1984
6 REM

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7 REM
8 LET a$=INKEY$
9 REM Stop Tape
10 BORDER 0: PAPER 0: BRIGHT 1: INK 7: CLEAR
11 FOR b=1 TO 3
12 PRINT ; FLASH 1; AT 15,8; "STOP THE TAPE"
13 PRINT ; INK 7; AT 10,3; "SPACE TARGET HAS LOADED.": BEEP .1,13
14 PAUSE 20
15 NEXT b
16 PAUSE 120
17 CLEAR
19 REM Beginning
20 FOR n=1 TO 80
30 LET y=RND*174+1
40 LET x=RND*254+1
50 PLOT x,y
60 NEXT n
61 PRINT ; INK 3; PAPER 6; AT 0,0; "#####"
63 PRINT ; INK 3; PAPER 6; AT 21,0; "#####"
"
65 PRINT ; PAPER 7; INK 0; AT 10,9; "SPACE TARGET"
66 BEEP .1,20: PRINT AT 19,0; "Written By Graham McDonald 198"
67 FOR n=1 TO 3: BEEP .25,0: BEEP .25,3: BEEP .25,5: BEEP 1.25,8: NEXT n: BEEP
.5,7: BEEP .5,3: BEEP .5,0: BEEP .5,3: BEEP 2,0: FOR n=1 TO 500: NEXT n: BEEP
1,20: CLS: GO TO 6000
68 FOR n=1 TO 500: NEXT n: BEEP .1,20
69 REM Variables
70 LET y=2
71 LET d=0
72 LET h=0
73 LET e=3
74 LET f=6
75 LET a=10
76 LET p=7
77 LET s=0
78 LET v=0
79 LET g=450
80 LET x=11
85 LET b=25
86 GO SUB 8000
87 FOR c=1 TO 1
89 REM Display
90 PRINT ; PAPER 1; INK 7; AT x,y; CHR$ (143); CHR$ (143); CHR$ (140); PAPER 0; CHR
$ (140)
91 PRINT AT x,30; ".": PRINT AT 1,0; "#####"
"
92 PRINT AT 0,11; "Hits: "; h
93 PRINT AT 0,20; "Destroyed: "; d
94 PRINT AT 0,0; "Time: "; s
95 PRINT ; INK e; PAPER f; FLASH 1; AT a,b; CHR$ (134): INK 7: PAPER 0: IF v=5 T
HEN GO SUB g
96 PRINT ; INK 4; AT 21,0; "#####"; PAPER 4; INK 0; "SPACE TARGET"; P
APER
0; INK 4; "#####"
97 PRINT ; INK 6; AT 20,0; "#####": INK 7
98 LET v=INT (RND*7+1)
99 REM If & Then Area
100 LET a$=INKEY$
105 LET z=INT (RND*3+1)
106 IF z=0 THEN LET a=a-1
107 IF z=3 THEN LET a=a+1
108 IF z=1 THEN LET a=a-1
109 IF z=4 THEN LET a=a-1
110 IF a$="6" THEN LET x=x+1
120 IF a$="7" THEN LET x=x-1
125 IF a$="9" THEN GO SUB 9500
127 IF a$="8" THEN GO SUB 9600

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PROGRAM

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128 IF a$="5" AND g=450 THEN GO SUB 1200
129 IF a$="4" THEN GO SUB 1250
130 IF x>=18 THEN LET x=18
132 IF a>=18 THEN LET a=18
135 IF x<=4 THEN LET x=4
137 IF a<=4 THEN LET a=4
138 IF s=250 THEN GO SUB 6200
140 IF a$="" THEN GO SUB 400
143 IF g=450 THEN PRINT ; PAPER 2; INK 7; AT 2,12; "Laser On!"
147 IF g=96 THEN PRINT ; PAPER 4; INK 0; AT 2,12; "Laser Off"
150 IF h=25 THEN GO SUB 1000
179 REM Stars
180 PLOT 7,23: PLOT 15,157: PLOT 23,56: PLOT 31,78: PLOT 39,115: PLOT 55,21: PL
OT 55,121: PLOT 67,34: PLOT 76,34: PLOT 63,134: PLOT 95,75: PLOT 105,80: PLOT 14
4,127: PLOT 144,104: PLOT 159,111: PLOT 168,154
190 PLOT 184,34: PLOT 192,56: PLOT 200,87: PLOT 208,134: PLOT 216,56: PLOT 224,
34: PLOT 224,123: PLOT 232,100: PLOT 247,57: PLOT 247,127
260 PRINT AT x-1,y; " "
262 PRINT AT x+1,30; " "
263 PRINT AT x-1,30; " "
265 PRINT AT x+1,y; " "
270 PRINT AT a-1,b; " "
275 PRINT AT a+1,b; " "
300 NEXT c
305 REM Time
310 LET s=s+1
320 LET c=0
330 IF s=300 THEN GO TO 2000
340 GO TO 89
399 REM Lasers
400 INK 2: LET f$=" "
401 PRINT ; AT x,6; f$
405 BEEP .1,30
410 PAUSE 10: PRINT AT x,6; " "
412 IF x=a THEN LET h=h+1
415 INK 7
420 RETURN
450 IF a$="0" THEN RETURN
455 INK 4: LET s$=" " : PRINT AT a,4; s$
460 BEEP .1,35
470 PAUSE 10: PRINT AT a,4; " "
480 IF a=x THEN GO TO 1500
490 INK 7
500 RETURN
1000 REM destroyed
1010 PRINT AT a,b; " " : PRINT AT a+1,b; " " : PRINT AT a-1,b; " "
1015 PRINT AT 0,0; " ██████████ DESTROYED ██████████ "
1020 BEEP .075,30: BEEP 1,10
1030 LET d=d+1
1035 LET h=0
1037 LET e=INT (RND*7+1): LET f=INT (RND*7+1)
1040 IF e=f THEN GO TO 1037
1050 PAUSE 100
1055 PRINT AT 0,0; " "
1070 RETURN
1200 REM Target's Laser Cut
1210 BEEP .1,40
1230 LET g=96
1240 RETURN
1250 BEEP .1,45
1270 LET g=450
1280 RETURN
1499 REM Ship Hit
1500 INK 7: CLS : BEEP 1,-10: BEEP 1,-15: BEEP 1,-20: BEEP 1,-25: BEEP 2,-30
1510 PRINT " ██████████ SPACE TARGET ██████████ "
1520 PRINT : PRINT
1530 PRINT " The space target has hit you"
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1540 PRINT : PRINT "with it's laser causing you to"
1550 PRINT : PRINT "withdraw from your mission. In"
1560 PRINT : PRINT "a time of ";s;" seconds you have"
1570 PRINT : PRINT "destroyed ";d;" targets and have "
1575 LET final=h+(d*25)
1580 PRINT : PRINT "achieved a score of ";final;" points."
1590 PRINT : PRINT : PRINT "The Galatic High Commision have"
1600 PRINT : PRINT "advised you to try again and to"
1610 PRINT : PRINT "advoid the target's lasers"
1620 PRINT ; FLASH 1;AT 21,2;"PRESS ANY KEY TO PLAY AGAIN"
1630 PAUSE 0
1640 BEEP .1,30
1650 CLS : GO TO 70
1999 REM Finish
2000 BEEP .5,3: BEEP .5,1: BEEP .5,6: BEEP .5,8: BEEP 1,10: BEEP .5,8: BEEP 1.75
,6
2010 BORDER 0: PAPER 0: CLS
2020 LET final=h+(d*25)
2030 PRINT "██████████ SPACE TARGET ██████████"
2040 PRINT : PRINT : PRINT
2050 PRINT " You have run out of time. In"
2060 PRINT : PRINT "300 seconds you have destroyed"
2070 PRINT : PRINT d;" targets, and have achieved "
2080 PRINT : PRINT "a score of ";final;" points."
2090 IF d<6 THEN LET r$="POOR"
2100 IF d>=6 AND d<=9 THEN LET r$="AVERAGE"
2110 IF d>9 AND d<=12 THEN LET r$="GOOD"
2120 IF d>12 THEN LET r$="EXCELLANT"
2130 PRINT : PRINT : PRINT : PRINT "The Galatic High Commision have"
2140 PRINT : PRINT "gave you a ";r$;" rating."
2150 PRINT ; FLASH 1;AT 21,2;"PRESS ANY KEY TO PLAY AGAIN"
2160 PAUSE 0
2170 CLS : GO TO 70
5999 REM Instructions
6000 PRINT "██████████ SPACE TARGET ██████████"
6010 PRINT : PRINT : PRINT : PRINT
6020 PRINT " Your shooting has been lousy "
6030 PRINT : PRINT "lately, so the Galatic High Com-"
6040 PRINT : PRINT "mission has decided to put you "
6050 PRINT : PRINT "on a training mission; code"
606 PRINT : PRINT "named 'Space Target'."
6062 PRINT ; FLASH 1;AT 21,8;"PRESS ANY KEY"
6063 PAUSE 0
6064 BEEP .1,20
6065 CLS : PRINT "██████████ SPACE TARGET ██████████": PRINT
6070 PRINT " You have 300 seconds to destroy"
6080 PRINT : PRINT "as many targets you can. You "
6090 PRINT : PRINT "have to hit them 25 times to de-"
6100 PRINT : PRINT "stroy them. Can you impress the"
6110 PRINT : PRINT "Galatic High Commision?"
6114 PRINT : PRINT "Press 4 for Target Lasers."
6116 PRINT "Press 5 for no Target Lasers."
6120 PRINT "Press 6 for down."
6130 PRINT "Press 7 for up."
6134 PRINT "Press 8 to escape."
6136 PRINT "Press 9 to pause"
6140 PRINT "Press 0 to fire."
6150 PRINT ; FLASH 1;AT 21,4;"PRESS ANY KEY TO PLAY"
6160 PAUSE 0
6170 CLS : BEEP .1,20: GO TO 70
6199 REM Time Warning
6200 FOR j=1 TO 5: BEEP .1,5: PAUSE 2: BEEP .1,5: PRINT ; FLASH 1;AT 0,0;"Time:"
;s: BORDER 2: NEXT j: FOR l=1 TO 10: NEXT l: PAUSE 0: LET s=s+1: BORDER 0: RETUR
N
7999 REM Music
8000 PRINT ; FLASH 1;AT 10,7;"PREPARE TO PLAY"
8020 BEEP 1,10: BEEP .2,13: BEEP .2,5: BEEP 1,10: PAUSE 6: BEEP .2,13: BEEP .2,5

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: BEEP .2,10: BEEP .2,13: BEEP .2,5: BEEP .5,10
8025 CLS
8030 RETURN
9499 REM Pause
9500 BEEP .1,30
9510 PRINT ; FLASH 1; AT 10,12; "PAUSE":
9515 PAUSE 25
9520 INPUT "          PRESS ENTER          "; Z$
9540 PRINT AT 10,12; "          "
9550 BEEP .1,32
9560 RETURN
9599 REM Escape
9600 POKE 23609,255: FOR m=1 TO 25: BEEP .02,m: BEEP .02,m+4: BEEP .025,m*2.5: N
EXT m
9605 LET p=60: FOR m=1 TO 25: BEEP .05,p: LET p=p-2: NEXT m
9610 CLS : PRINT "████████████████████ SPACE TARGET ████████████████████"
9620 PRINT : PRINT : PRINT : PRINT
9630 PRINT "You have pressed key '8' to "
9640 PRINT : PRINT "escape. If you have pressed it"
9650 PRINT : PRINT "accidentally then ENTER 'return'."
9660 PRINT : PRINT "If not so then ENTER 'cont'."
9670 INPUT "(return OR cont?)" ; b$
9680 IF b$="return" THEN CLS : RETURN
9690 IF b$="cont" THEN GO TO 9710
9700 GO TO 9670
9710 BEEP .1,20: CLS : PRINT "████████████████████ SPACE TARGET ████████████████████"
9720 PRINT : PRINT : PRINT : PRINT
9730 PRINT " O.K. Do you want to 'load' ano-"
9740 PRINT : PRINT "ther game or 'clear' the memory?"
9750 INPUT b$
9760 IF b$="load" THEN CLS : PRINT AT 20,0;"Start tape, then press any key.": B
EEP .1,20: PAUSE 0: CLS : LOAD ""
9770 IF b$="clear" THEN GO TO 9800
9790 GO TO 9750
9800 BEEP .1,20: CLS : PRINT "████████████████████ SPACE TARGET ████████████████████"
9810 PRINT : PRINT : PRINT : PRINT
9820 PRINT " O.K. The memory will clear the"
9830 PRINT : PRINT "memory in ten seconds."
9832 PRINT : PRINT : PRINT " Press A to return to last stage"
9833 FOR a=1 TO 170: NEXT a
9835 LET s=10
9840 FOR m=1 TO 10
9845 BEEP .1,24
9850 PRINT AT 14,0; s; " Seconds. "
9860 LET s=s-1
9865 IF INKEY$="A" OR INKEY$="a" THEN GO TO 9710
9870 FOR n=1 TO 26: NEXT n
9880 NEXT m
9881 BEEP .1,5: BEEP .1,5: BEEP .1,5: PRINT AT 14,0;" Goodbye!!": FOR n=1 TO 100
: NEXT n
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 2093-3020 end

Variables
 AB ship's position
 AC ship's colour
 I random ships (left)
 M random ships (down)
 PE joystick
 AD attacking ship's opposition
 AS attacking ship's colour
 AT tractor beam's position (A)
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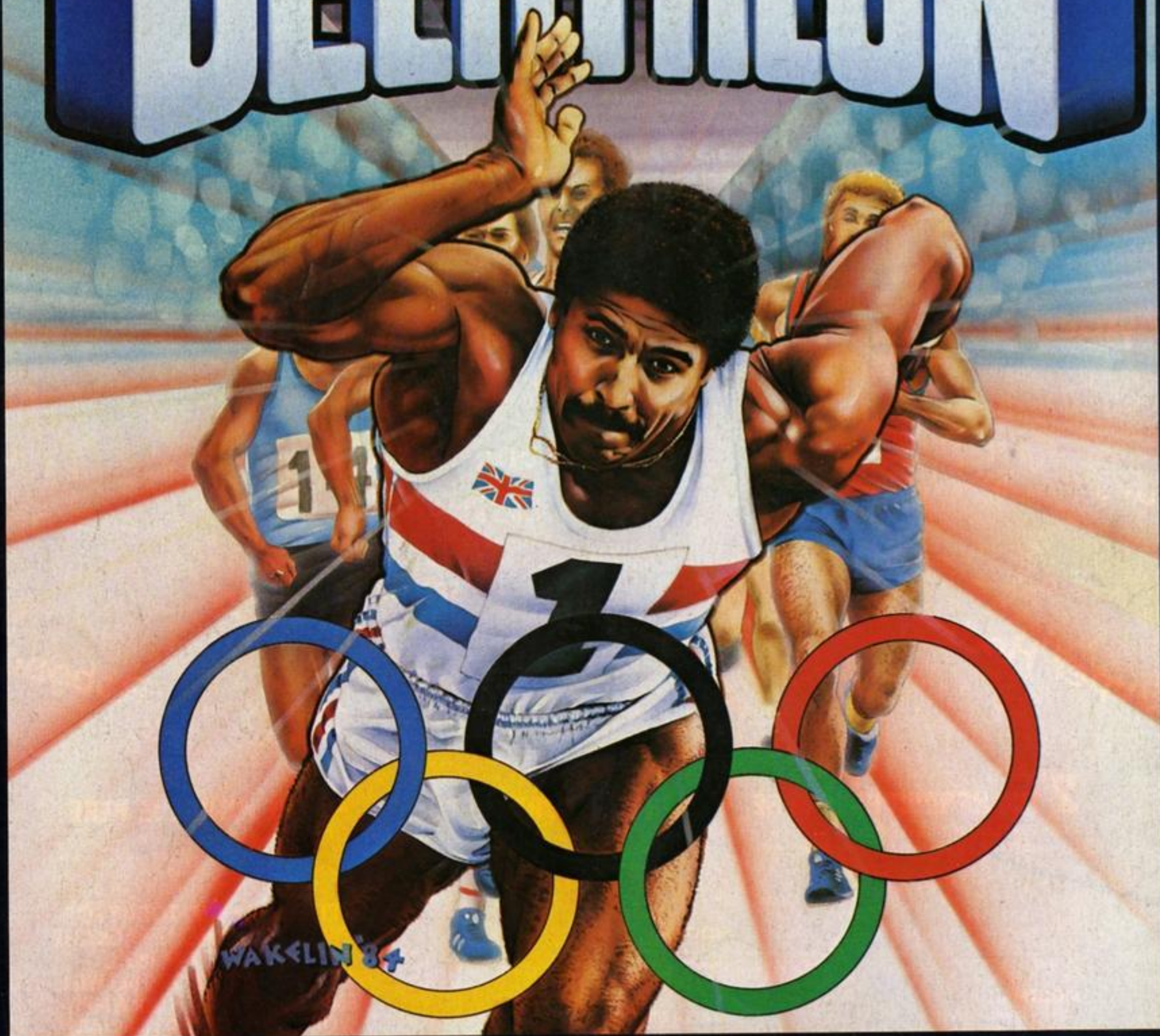
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